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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 10/047,507  
Applicant : MARLIN STEPHEN HEILMAN et al.  
Filed : October 23, 2001  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING A CONDUIT  
TO THE HEART OR A BLOOD VESSEL

Group Art Unit: 3732  
Examiner : Examiner Anuradha Ramana

Docket No. : 001086

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AMENDMENT

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March 1, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the application as set forth hereinafter.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 12.